

Draft Letter to county commissioners
Re: American Rescue Plan Funds

November XX, 2021

Washoe County Board of Commissioners
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89512

Greetings Commissioners,

The American Rescue Plan Act for older residents presents an opportunity to increase services to Washoe County's older adults through the expansion of priority services and the creation of additional much-needed services. The Senior Advisory Board's plan for an Age Friendly Livable Reno seeks funding for three priorities:

1. **Housing Services:** Specifically, a housing navigator/real expert within the Human Services Agency to assist in:
 - a. obtaining affordable housing,
 - b. negotiating with landlords,
 - c. obtaining tax credits,
 - d. obtaining emergency housing,
 - e. getting repairs and maintenance done and other housing needs.

Funding request: \$XXXXXX

2. **Access to Community & Healthcare Services:**
 - a. Increase in-home supports by adding 100 homemaker positions.
 - b. Provide technology training for seniors this giving them better access to social media, online access to healthcare services and community support services.
 - c. Provide additional nutritional supports by increasing meals-on-wheels and congregate meals programs.

Funding request: \$XXXXXX

3. **Transportation Services:**
 - a. Purchase of two vehicles to provide transportation to pickup medications and to medical appointments.
 - b. Increase transportation options by leveraging idle buses and vans thus expanding the transportation network for seniors.

Funding request: \$XXXXXX

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Senior Advisory Board

Attachment: **Age Friendly Livable Reno Plan, 10/6/2021**